lanes are repaired/re-surfaced in such a way that the comparative levels of roads and the adjoining properties are maintained?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (d) According to information provided by Delhi Administration, Municipal Corpn. of Delhi and the New Delhi Municipal Committee, different methods are in use in Delhi for the resurfacing of existing roads, in keeping with traffic requirements and the current technological trends. These are:

(i) their renewals over the worn out road surface from time to time, leading to raising of the road level to some extent;

(ii) scarifying the existing crust and re-laying the same by recycling method, without raising the road level; and

(iii) overlays on top of the existing crust to make up thickness deficiencies of the pavement as per design requirements, thereby raising the road level.

Re-surfacing by itself does not cause level of the road to become higher than the adjacent properties, necessitating rebuilding of footpaths and storm water drains. But where this becomes necessary due to strengthening of the road surface, provision for raising of footpaths and remodelling of storm water drains is included in the scheme. In cases where owners have constructed their properties without adequate plinth as per Building Bye-laws, and the road levels become higher than the property levels, the owners of the property have to take suitable remedial measures themselves.

Project on the works of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

@@2409. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project on 'Collected Works of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel' has been undertaken by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what progress has been made so far therein?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Revision of pay scales of Assistant in Union Territory of Delhi

@@@2410. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per recommendations of First, Second Third and Fourth Pay Commissions minimum of the pay scales of the Assistants in Central Government as well as in Union Territory of Delhi were the same;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to revise the minimum pay scale of the Assistants of the Union Territory of Delhi also at par with the revision of minimum of the pay scale of the Assistant in the Central Government recently to Rs. 1640/- w.e.f. from 1st January, 1986;

(c) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken; and

@@Previously Unstarred Questions 1437 transferred from the 21st August, 1990.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 1608 transferred from the 21st August, 1990.

(d) if, not the reasons therefor in view of the fact that the mode of direct recruitment to the post of Assistants in the Central Government as well as in the Union Territory of Delhi is the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected from Delhi Administration.

Microwave link between Bhubaneshwar to New Delhi via Cuttack

2411. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested the Central Government to provide Microwave link between Bhubaneshwar to New Delhi via Cuttack so that the news clippings could be passed on to Delhi, the same day for inclusion in National News bulletins; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to distribute regional TV service in Orissa on availability of capacity in the space segment and establishment of an Uplink Terminal near Bhubaneshwar in the ground segment. This facility, when commissioned into service, is also planned to be used for feeding the news and other topical programmes from Doordarshan Kendra under implementation at Bhubaneshwar to Delhi.

T.V. film makers

2412. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of T.V. film makers, known for their independent outlook and who were blacklisted sometime back continue to be so till today;

(b) whether a number of T.V. films produced by them were shelved;

(c) what are the names of the telefilms shelved and since when together with the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is no instance where it has been decided to ban the telecast of a TV programme assigned by Doordarshan to outside producers on the ground that it is critical of the present Government. It has not, however, been possible to telecast some of these programmes on considerations of present programme requirements of Doordarshan.

Paika Mutiny

2413. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to recognise PAIKA MUTINY of 1817 in Orissa as the first independence movement; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.